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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Examiner: Jesus D. Sotelo
ROBERT GROSSMAN	Group Art Unit 3617
Serial No. 10/782,154	Docket No. GRORB-66408
Filed: February 18, 2004	
For: BOATER'S KEYCHAIN	Los Angeles, California 90045

DECLARATION OF ROBERT GROSSMAN UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I, ROBERT GROSSMAN, of Santa Maria, California, declare as follows:

1. I am the inventor in the subject patent application; I have been a boat owner for over twenty years; I am a licensed U.S. Coast Guard 25 Ton Inland Master (Captain's license); I have written a boating book entitled *Skipper's Handbook*, BFP Books, 2000; I have had over 80 boating articles published in several newspapers; and I occasionally lecture to boating groups.

2. My invention, the boater's keychain, as claimed, has been a commercial success in a small market, in that I received purchase orders in 2005 for 1,000 units of my boater's keychain from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and more than 20 state agencies have expressed interest in purchasing

my invention, and in that I have to date received purchase orders for approximately 7,000 units of my boater's keychain, including an order for 5,000 units from the State of Arizona.

3. The claims of my application cover the floating boater's keychain that has been a commercial success, in that the floating boater's keychain includes a keychain with one or more buoyant planar boating information pages connected to the keychain, with at least one side of each buoyant planar boating information page imprinted with boating rules and boating information, with each buoyant planar boating information page having a grommet, and the keychain threaded through the grommet of each buoyant planar boating information page; and this boater's keychain has attracted much interest from state agencies, and has enjoyed commercial success.

Date: 5 APRIL 2006

ROBERT GROSSMAN